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**CHIEF JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL VACANCY IN
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride has announced Tuesday an application process for a resident circuit court vacancy in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. The vacancy was created by the retirement of Judge James A. Lanuti, effective December 6, 2010.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. Chief Justice Kilbride will make a recommendation to the Court after applicants undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted at the various courthouses within the Thirteenth Circuit, which is comprised of Bureau, Grundy and LaSalle counties. The application is available from Chief Justice Kilbride's office in Rock Island, the Chief Judge's office at the LaSalle County Courthouse, the LaSalle County Bar Association, the Grundy County Bar Association or the Bureau County Bar Association.

Applicants must submit one original and the requisite number of copies of the application and other forms as instructed in the application packet. All items must be mailed or delivered to: Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride, Supreme Court of Illinois, 1819 Fourth Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201.

To be considered, applications must be received in Chief Justice Kilbride's office by **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2010.**

An applicant must be admitted to practice law in Illinois, and must be in good standing with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. Other qualities an applicant must possess include: a demonstrated reputation for integrity and good character; a demonstrated commitment to equal justice under law; outstanding legal ability and competence; and the appropriate demeanor, character and personality necessary for the judicial temperament required by a Circuit Court judge.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 3, 2012, when the position will be filled by the 2012 General Election.

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